



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents,

I am really excited to be teaching your children next year and seeing them through the final part of their Primary School journey. When we return after the summer break, our topic will be **Frozen Kingdom**. This is a geography-based topic, with a particular focus on Antarctica.

To launch this topic, I would like the children to become Arctic Explorers on our first day back (**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**). If possible, it would be great if your child could come into school dressed as an explorer, ready to discover the Antarctic - just like Robert Falcon Scott.

They could wear clothes suitable for cold and snowy weather such as: a bobble hat, gloves, skiing goggles and boots. The children may also like to pack a survival bag with things that they would need if they were going on an expedition.

Homework next year will still be set on a Friday but will change slightly to involve some activity books that the children will have set pages to work on each week. As ever, hearing your child read as much as possible is really beneficial in building their stamina and pace for in-class work, as well as developing their own writing abilities. Your support with their learning at home really does make a huge difference – including making sure they don't forget their times tables over the Summer!

It's also vital that children continue to become more independent next year – taking responsibility for remembering things and seeking help when struggling with something. Please do encourage this as it makes their secondary school life so much easier!

Have a lovely Summer break and I will see you all soon.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Spendlow  
Senior Teacher